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To —
One of
the
poppies —
My Mother
—

It was suggested first that I call this book simply "California," but after thinking it over I began to visualize the cover of such a book and decided it wouldn't do, because I pictured it as looking like a seed catalogue—an ugly red book perhaps, with a decoration of yellow poppies spraying out from under the lettering. But then thinking of the poppies gave me an idea at once. Why not Lemons and Poppies?

That said exactly what I meant, so it was the perfect name.

These drawings were made in California, and have a few local references, else they might as well apply to the people of any other State in the Union. The faces are not caricatures, because they're not exaggerated. Many of them are even greatly modified. I find the human race funny enough just taken straight as it is, but if one gives a too close representation of it the result is always apt to be mistaken for caricature. So that's why I troubled myself to make some modifications.

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Miss Eureka has just heard somebody
attacking the California climate.



Leslie is a vaudeville dancer; also sings
"Mother O' Mine" [by request].



Janet is looking at the advertisement
of an osteopath, and trying to re-
member the difference between
Osteopathy and Theosophy.



Albert is a student in one of the California universities. He has what Nietzsche referred to as "That spirit of gravity by which all things sink."



Dulcina is playing in "The Queen of Sheba." Right in the midst of a love scene, the leading man, whom she had thought a perfect gentleman, stepped on her foot.



Fanchionette De Courcy is a screen
favorite, but she says her soul
isn't in the work.



Professor Doodle Bug teaches palm-
istry, psychoanalysis, chiropody,
mind reading, hypnotism, osteo-
pathy and many other things.



Mrs. Poinsettia belongs to the Ladies'
Auxiliary of the Civic Club. She is
listening to a lecture on better
roads and more babies.



Mrs. Warrington Jones was one of the
first leaders in the woman suffrage
movement. She also lectures
on Theosophy and wears
Educator shoes.



Hannah Lawson runs a goat ranch, a
husband and nine children.



The girls who go to Marshmallow's for
Golden Gate sundaes have heard
Marcellus is a millionaire's son
masquerading as a soda clerk.



The Merchant of Venice, Cal.



Mrs. Alabaster Black is a member of
the "How to Remain Pure Though
Married Club." She is our great-
est authority on that subject.



Jerry Booster is in the real estate business. He says he wants to see the whole desert blooming like a rose. His ad reads: "I supply the desert and you make it bloom."



Life is dull since Alma gave up the
circus. She now does death leaps
in the movies, and the quiet
is getting on her nerves.



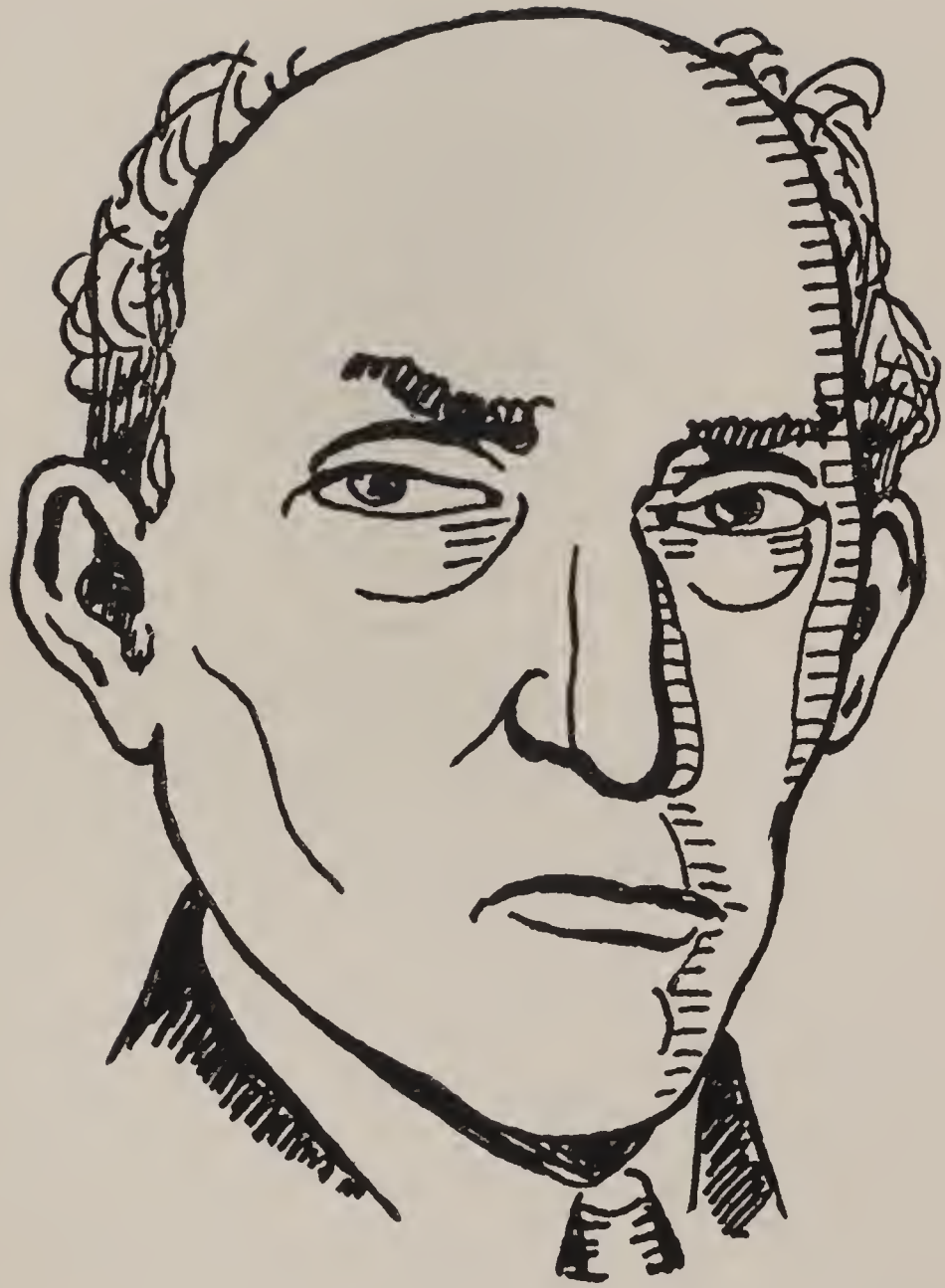
**Danny plays cherub parts in the
movies.**



Miss Twaddle lectures at women's clubs. She says if we only had more writers in America like the author of "Pollyanna," our morale would be greatly improved.



Judge Aurelius M. Black has retired
from the bench with dyspepsia.
He is against everything
but the Government.



Dicky is flirting with one of the bride's-
maids, and Sarah is thinking, "If
he begins this early, I know
what to expect . . . "



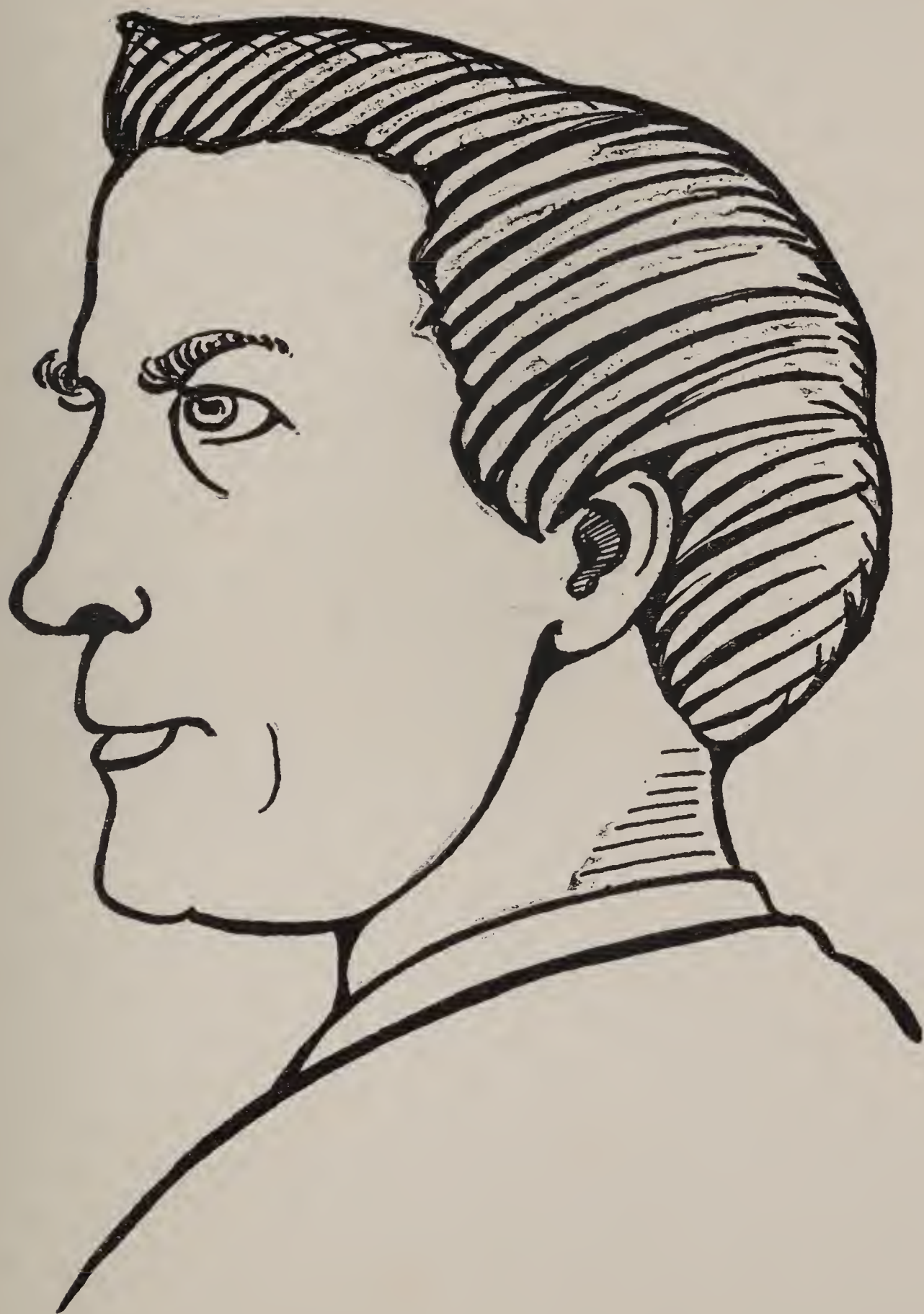
Nicky is at church. He is watching a
yellow-jacket hum about the
head of the preacher.



Mrs. Bella Twombly is president of
the Society for the Prevention of
Watching Isadora Duncan Dance.



This is the Rev. Ishmael B. Hellfire.
He says the whole of Hollywood is
going to be swallowed up in an
earthquake some day; that it
can't escape the wrath of
God much longer.



Elmira proposes to remain single.
Says she knows too much about
men already.



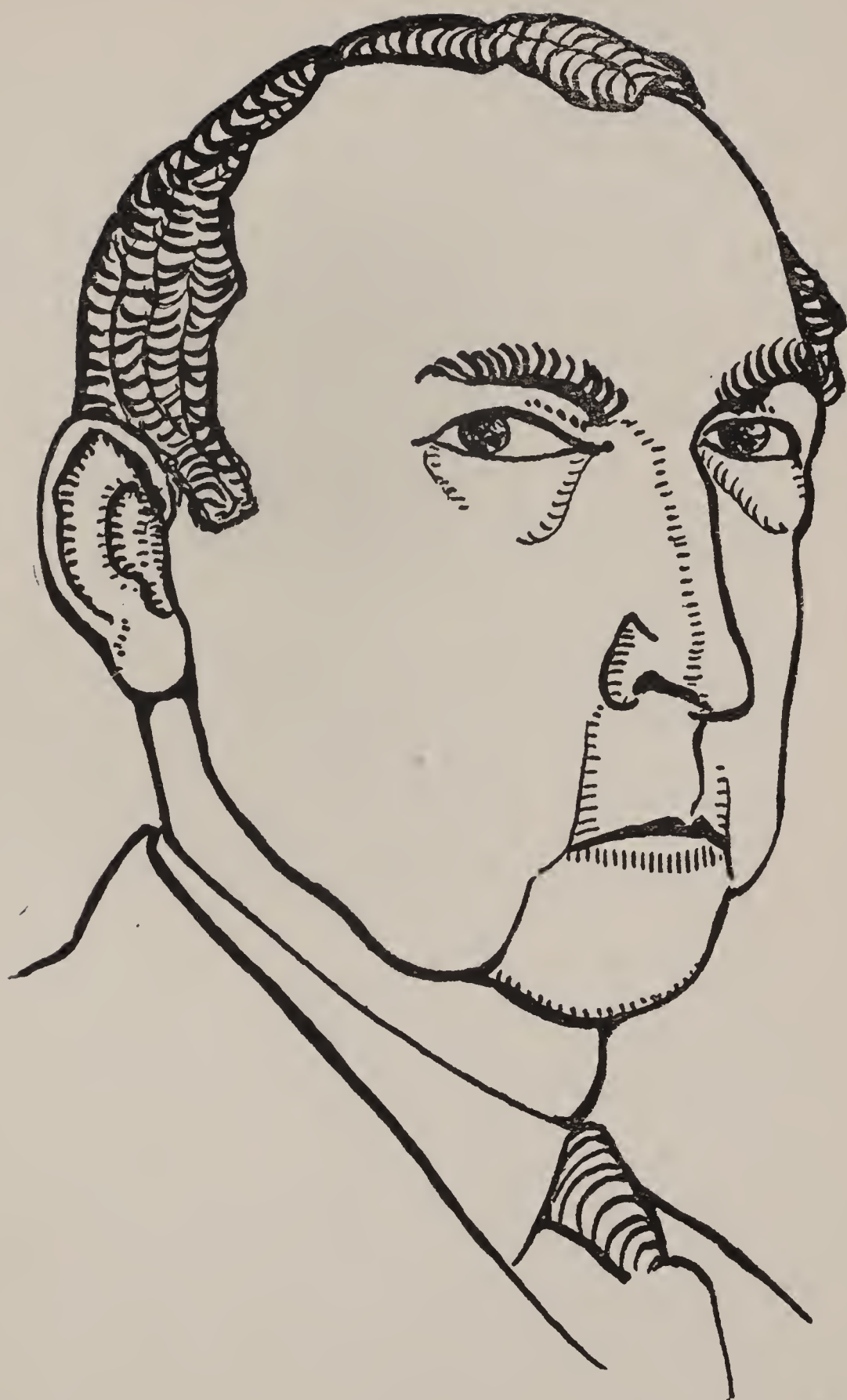
Cecil is back in "God's Own Country."
He is a West Point Cadet and
thinks the next war will
start in California.



Miss Eileen Everglade says she thinks
the Einstein theory is a joke.



Ezra Quince is a prominent member of the "Watch the Unclean Books League." He says: "It is an established fact that a genius has no morals. It is the duty, then, of every publisher to exclude from his lists all literature suspected of being from the pen of a genius. My slogan is, Pure Literature or NO Literature. If we cannot purify the publishing business, then, by all means let us put an end to it."



Miss Faith Pinpoint is an artist who
still thinks that genius is the capac-
ity for taking infinite pains.
She is now studying a pic-
ture by Meissonier.



Tom is in the mezzanine of a Frisco hotel. He thinks the young lady across the way has winked at him, but he isn't quite positive.



Madge is very popular. She fits in
anywhere, and has no pe-
culiar ideas.



Claude hasn't succeeded at anything yet; but his family keep on investing money in him, thinking he will some day.



Miss Veronica Metcalfe is still hoping.



Harry Gopher is having his palm read.
He is concentrating on keeping his
mind blank, so the palmist
won't read that too.



Georgette is a movie star. She says
that contrary to the general opinion,
it takes the keenest of intellects
to survive the movies.



Miss Virginia Creeper has social aspirations. She has lately become engaged to California's most prominent "bootlegger."



Violet Primadora is at the movies. She
is looking at a man in the row
back of her who insists on
reading the captions aloud.



This is the highly respected Mr. Lysander F. Cunningham, the prominent prosecuting attorney. He says he won't rest until he "cleans up" California and that his success so far has been largely due to prayer.



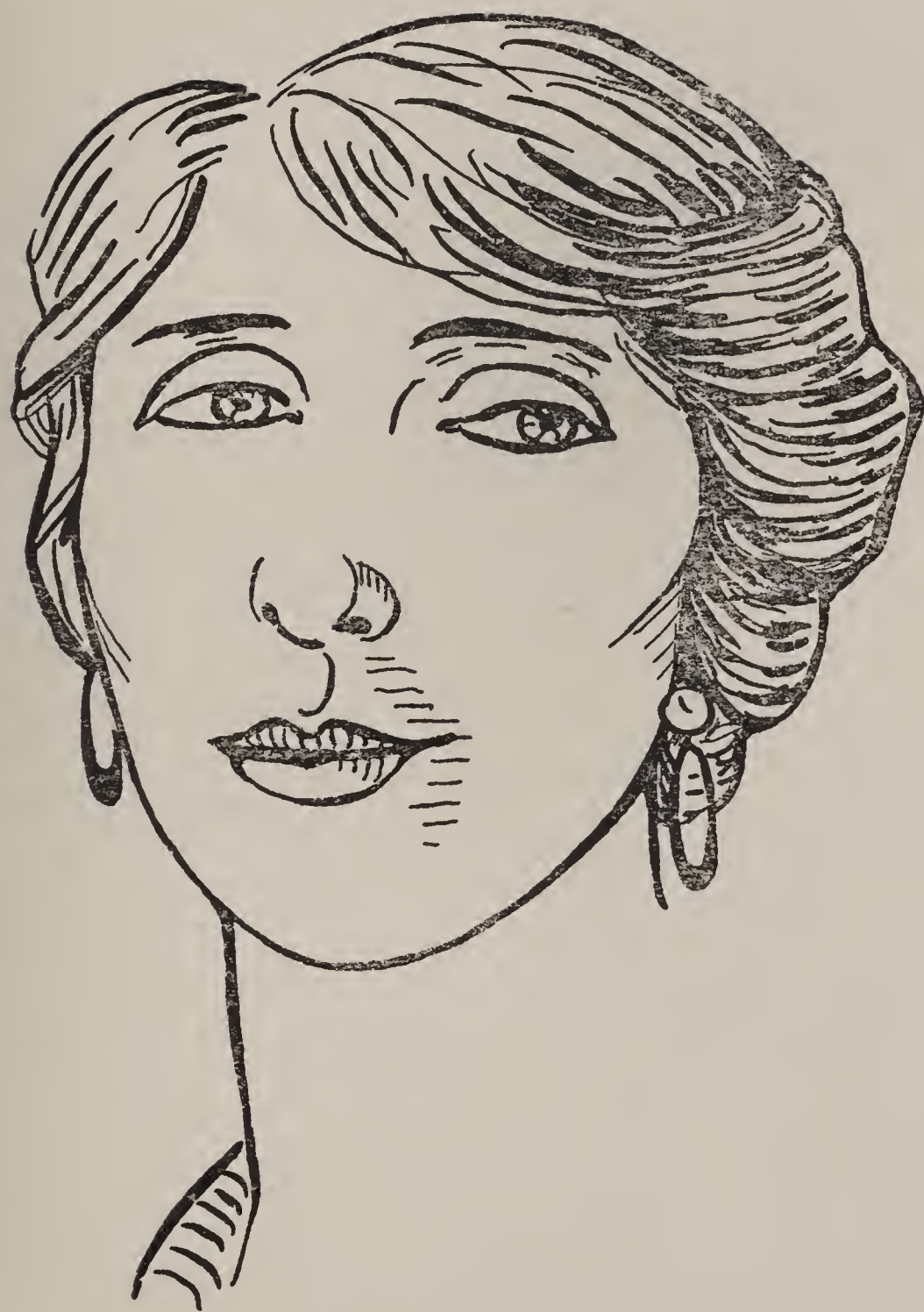
Mrs. Quincy Adams Buckrum of
Eagle Rock, says: "All for-
eigners are immoral."



Dr. Diabetes is going to get a new automobile. At this minute he is contemplating removing his patient's appendix, as the operation will easily cover the expense.



Miss Catalina says she feels so sorry
for people who can't appreciate
Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



Mr. Bargeton is either playing pin-
ochle, or soaking his feet in hot
water, or reflecting on the
immortality of the soul.
I don't know which.



Ella's friends all tell her she has hair
and eyes like Mary Pickford;
but it doesn't seem to do
her any good.



Miss Peever says she has never been
understood.



Clara May is the sister of a famous
medium. She is a little
psychic herself.



Mrs. Lizzie Spinach has cremated two
husbands. She smells the scent of
orange blossoms in the Spring
and craves romance.



Milly Frankfurt is at the movies watching her favorite actor, Will Rogers.
She always goes to see his pictures and imagines herself as the heroine.



Fred sells real estate and oil stock. He
is proud to say that he's a "he man"
and belongs to all "red-blooded"
lodges and clubs.



Flora's mother sent her to a May party
and she wasn't a success; but
she's making the best of it.



Mrs. Archibald Jefferson says her
ancestors came over on the May-
flower, and it is a constant pleas-
ure to know that she didn't
spring up like a mush-
room in the night.



Hubert is the Valentino of Sawtelle.



Helvetia's parents were spiritualists.
All during the time she was about
to be born they kept their minds
off of earthly things. Notice
her far-away look.



Sadie works in a cafeteria. A customer
has paid her a compliment and Sadie
is wondering whether he means
it, or whether he's just trying
to get fresh with her.



Carter is a bellboy at one of the leading hotels. He is sizing up a lady and deciding that his tip will be about 3 cents.



Mrs. Dumbell has just met her neighbor's daughter, who is a shopgirl.

Mrs. D. is thinking, "How on earth can a respectable girl dress that fine on such a small salary!"



Miss Violet Ray heard that Los Angeles was in the Psychic Belt, so she came to cultivate her soul. She has cut out beefsteak and she now vibrates to a color.



Mrs. Bitterender is attending the latest
murder trial. She is looking at the
accused and saying to herself,
“Hanging is too good for
that woman!”



Clytemnestra is in the movies. She
says it's the funniest thing how
people always think movie
girls are vamps.



Rosa is a stenographer for an automobile sales company. She is fond of saying: "Oh, Boy!" and "I'll tell the world!"



Mr. Pinoodle's son is an artist. Mr.
Pinoodle says he reckons art is all
right, but he thinks being an
artist ought to be against
the law.



Corinne is awfully sorry the war is over, because she can't help the soldiers any more. She says it was such fun, and they were such dears.



Mrs. Flint Ridge is keeping an eye on
her husband.



This is one of the Poppies.



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